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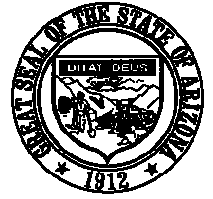
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**May 31, 2006**

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on June 23-24, 2006, and as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D), the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

**Friday, June 23, 2006, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at Embassy Suites 2577 W. Greenway Rd. Phoenix, Arizona, 85023**

**Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.**

- 1. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. State and Federal Legislation. The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.**
- 2. Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Habitat Branch Chief. An Update on Current Issues, Planning Efforts, and Proposed Projects on All Lands in Arizona and Other Matters Related Thereto.** The Commission will be briefed on the latest developments relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related hereto. The update addresses decisions or activities since the May 2006 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 3. Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region for the Purpose of Assisting the Department in Developing a State Petition Regarding the Future Management of National Forest Inventoried Roadless Areas within the State of Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve to approve a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region for the purpose of assisting the Department in developing a State Petition regarding the future management of National Forest Inventoried Roadless Areas within the State of Arizona.

4. **Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Habitat Branch Chief. The Commission will be briefed on U.S. Forest Service Inventoried Roadless Areas and the State of Arizona's Petitioning Process for Inventoried Road less Area Management.** The Commission will be briefed on U.S. Forest Service Inventoried Roadless Areas and the State of Arizona's Petitioning Process for Inventoried Roadless Area Management. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve these matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.
  - a. **Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for Commission to Authorize the Department to Acquire a Perpetual Right-of-Way from the Arizona State Land Department for Continued Public Recreational Access Across State Trust Land into the Coronado National Forest in Santa Cruz County, Arizona, and to Convey the Right-of-Way to the United States Forest Service.** The Commission will be asked to vote to authorize the Department to acquire a perpetual right-of-way from the Arizona State Land Department for continued public recreational access across State Trust Land into the Coronado National Forest in Santa Cruz County, Arizona, and to convey the Right-of-Way to the United States Forest Service.
  - b. **Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve a Master Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management for the Purpose of Continued Cooperation Related to Fish and Wildlife Resource Management on Bureau of Land Management lands.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a Master Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management for the purpose of continued cooperation related to fish and wildlife resource management on Bureau of Land Management lands.
  - c. **Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Chief; Fisheries Branch. Renewal of Interagency Agreements for the Urban Fishing Program between the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and the Cities of Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Payson, Peoria, Phoenix, Sahuarita, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe, and Tucson.** The Commission will be asked to vote to authorize the Department to finalize negotiations, execute, and amend as necessary interagency agreements and any future sub-agreements between the Department and the Cities of Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Payson, Peoria, Phoenix, Sahuarita, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe, and Tucson to conduct an Urban Fishing Program for a period of four years, commencing July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010 on 20 designated urban lakes.
  - d. **Presenter: Jim deVos, Research Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Authorize the Department to Enter into Agreements with the Ecological Restoration Institute at Northern Arizona University and with Arizona Public**

**Service to Further Resource Conservation in Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve entering into agreements with the Ecological Restoration Institute (ERI) and with Arizona Public Service (APS) to facilitate these entities working with the Department in conservation of natural resources in Arizona.

- e. **Presenter: Bruce Taubert, Assistant Director Wildlife Management Division. Request for the Commission to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Audubon Society (Audubon Arizona) for the Purpose of Continued Cooperation on Conservation and Education Programs of Mutual Interest across the State of Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Audubon Society (Audubon Arizona) for the purpose of continued cooperation on conservation and education programs of mutual interest across the state of Arizona.
- 6. **Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to Approve the Heritage Fund Budget Amendments, Wildlife Conservation Fund Budget Amendments, and Off Highway Vehicle Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2007.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the expenditures of unspent fund balances from the heritage fund; Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection, and Management; Habitat Evaluation and Protection; Urban; Environmental Education; and Administration and Support Services (Interest monies) for Fiscal Year 2007. The Commission will also be asked to vote to approve the expenditures of unspent fund balances from the Off Highway Vehicle Fund and Wildlife Conservation Fund for Fiscal Year 2007.
- 7. **Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Game and Fish Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Game and Fish Fund for Operating and Capital Outlay programs for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- 8. **Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Watercraft Licensing Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Watercraft Licensing Fund for Operating programs for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- 9. **Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Game, Nongame, Fish and Endangered Species Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed operating expenditures from the Game, Nongame, Fish and Endangered Species Fund for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- 10. **Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Capital Improvement Fund for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009

- 11. Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Waterfowl Conservation Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Waterfowl Conservation Fund for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- 12. Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Wildlife Endowment Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Wildlife Endowment Fund for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- 13. Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Federal Assistance Funds Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Pittman-Robertson, Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux; Coast Guard Boating Safety; Section Six Endangered Species Act; State Wildlife Grants; Landowner Incentive Program; and Special Contracts Federal Assistance Funds for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- 14. Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Heritage Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Public Access; Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection, and Management; Habitat Evaluation and Protection; Urban; Environmental Education; and Administration/Support Services (Interest monies) for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- 15. Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Off-Highway Vehicle Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Off-Highway Vehicle Fund for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- 16. Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Request to approve the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.

### **Lunch Break (at Time Certain 12:00 p.m.)**

The Afternoon Executive Session begins immediately following the lunch break.

### **Executive Session**

- a. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Bar D Cattle Co. v. Shroufe, CIV2002-0872; Arizona Zoological Society, et. al. v. BLM, IBLA appeal no. 2002-412; State of Arizona v. George H. Johnson, CV2005-002692;*

- b. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel regarding the Commission's position on potential litigation regarding the use of temporary employment services at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.

**17. Presenter: Ronald L. Day, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife at Time Certain 2:00 p.m.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conviction</u>
Fulton, Ross A.	Count A: Possess over limit of wildlife (doves).
Price, Darrell K.	Counts A & B: Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (2 Gila monsters). Count C: Possess restricted live wildlife (1 Alligator Snapping Turtle). Count D: Possess restricted live wildlife (1 Copper Head). Count E: & F: Possess restricted live wildlife (2 Gabon vipers).
Parsons, Garry C.	Count A: Take wildlife not identified by permit/tag (elk). Count B: Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (elk).
Johnson, Charles M.	Count A: Transport unlawfully taken wildlife (elk).
Ybarra, Mark J.	Count A: Take wildlife before legal hours (elk). Count B: Take wildlife from a roadway (elk). Count C: Take wildlife in wrong unit (elk). Count D: Careless misuse of a firearm while hunting.
Barraza, Daniel	Count A: Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (deer). Count B: Take wildlife by unlawful method (firearm during an archery hunt).
Wilkinson, Edward H.	Count A: Take wildlife without valid license/tag (turkey).
Fansler, William T.	Count A: Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (mule deer buck).
Armendariz, Joseph S.	Count A: Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (mule deer buck).

Maiers, Robert G.	Count A: Obtain resident hunting license by fraud. Count B: Obtain resident elk permit by fraud. Count C: Apply for resident deer permit by fraud.
Hurd, David A.	Count A: Exceed possession limit (29 catfish, 25 over limit).
Saurage, Bradley J.	Failure to comply with terms of a citation for wildlife violation (i.e. Unlawful use or possession of license; and resist, obstruct, delay of peace officer). Failure to Appear on March 6, 2003, as per the terms of the Wildlife Violator Compact with the State of California.

**18. Presenter: Dustin McKissen, Rules and Risk Manager. Notice of Docket Opening and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Amend R12-4-102 to Prescribe Privileges Given under the Super Conservation Licenses.** The Commission may vote to approve a Notice of Docket Opening and a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend R12-4-102, dealing with licenses, tags, stamps, and permits, to prescribe the tags and stamp provided under the super conservation licenses for publication in the *Arizona Administrative Register*.

**19. Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the following litigation matters: *Re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Bar D Cattle Co. v. Shroufe*, CIV2002-0872; *Arizona Zoological Society, et. al. v. BLM, IBLA appeal no. 2002-412*; *State of Arizona v. George H. Johnson*, CV2005-002692. The Commission may vote to take action on any case.

**20. Presenter: Duane Shroufe, Director. Vote to Change Commission Policy A2.27 to Allow the Commission Appointment of a Commissioner to Chair the Wildlife Assets Committee and Appoint a New Chairman for the Wildlife Assets Committee.** The Commission will be asked to vote to change Commission Policy A2.27 to allow the Commission appointment of a Commissioner to Chair the Wildlife Assets Committee and appoint a new chairman for the Wildlife Assets Committee. If approved, the Commission will also be asked to approve any additional changes to the policy that may be required and appoint a new Chairman of the Wildlife Assets Committee.

**21. Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on recent Department and Commission activities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

**22. Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners will report on their recent activities related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

**23. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.**

**24. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and

present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

**Saturday, June 24, 2006, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at Embassy Suites 2577 W. Greenway Rd. Phoenix, Arizona, 85023**

**Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.**

**Awards and Commissioning of Officers.**

- 1. Presenter: Ty Gray, Education Branch Chief. Statewide Shooting Range Briefing. The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting range support and development statewide.** The update covers activities that have occurred since the May 2006 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 2. Presenter: Ty Gray, Education Branch Chief. Statewide Shooting Range, Grant Requests for FY 2007.** The Department's Shooting Ranges Grants Program received six grant applications for fiscal year 2007. The Department will ask the Commission to vote to approve four of the applications: 1.) Clay Target Machine Upgrade at the Tucson Trap and Skeet Club shooting facility; 2.) Safety Improvements at the Jim Jones Shooting Range (Tonto Rim Sports Club); 3.) Ramada, Benches, and Fencing at the Elzy Pearson Public Shooting Range (City of Casa Grande); and 4.) Sporting Clays Course Expansion at the Utery Mountain Shooting Range (Rio Salado Sportsman's Club) for a total of \$96,703.
- 3. Presenter: Bruce Taubert, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division. Wildlife 2012: The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Strategic Plan for the Years 2007 – 2012.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's next six-year strategic plan. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 4. Presenter: Dana Yost, Assistant Director; Information and Education Division. Ben Avery Shooting Facility and Clay Target Center Operational RFP.** The Department will provide the Commission with a briefing and recommendation on the proposals that were received in response to the Operational RFP that was issued for the Ben Avery Shooting Facility (BASF) and the Clay Target Center (CTC). The recommendation will address the future of operations for BASF and the CTC. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department with direction on, this item.
  - a. Executive Session.** The Commission may vote to proceed in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S § 38-431.03(2) to receive and discuss responses to the operation RFP for BASF, which is information that is confidential by state law.

(This item is to be considered immediately after the Commission approves applications for special big game hunt license-tags.)

5. **Presenter: Mike Senn, Assistant Director, Field Operations Division. Presentation of refined alternatives regarding the pick up and possession of wildlife parts and request for additional direction from the Commission into future enforcement of pick up and possession of wildlife parts.** The Department will present refined alternatives regarding the pick up and possession of wildlife parts as directed from a previous Commission meeting. The Department will also request additional direction from the Commission into future enforcement of pick up and possession of wildlife parts.
6. **Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Consideration of Applications for Special Big Game Hunt License-Tags for Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer, Antelope, Elk, Turkey, Javelina, Bighorn Sheep, Buffalo, and Black Bear for 2007-2008.** The Commission will consider and may vote to take action on applications from organizations for 2007-2008 Special Big Game License-Tags as per R12-4-120. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.
7. **Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders: 19, 20 and 24 for the 2006-2007 Hunting Season.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 19 (dove), Commission Order 20 (band-tailed pigeons), and Commission Order 24 (sandhill cranes) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, and open-closed areas. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.
8. **Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Consideration of Proposed Commission Order 29 for Special Big Game License-Tag Seasons for Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer, Antelope, Elk, Turkey, Javelina, Bighorn Sheep, Buffalo, and Black Bear for the 2007-2008 Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 29: Special Hunts, establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for Special Big Game Hunt License Tags. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.

The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.

Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 2222 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or



without the opportunity to present them orally.

The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4).

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

***“Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow”***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane L. Shroufe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Duane" being more prominent.

Duane L. Shroufe  
Director

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